Cellular Telephone System

3149. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to start Cellular Telephone Communications System in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria followed for selecting the subscribers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tenders for providing cellular mobile telephone services in the Metro cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras have been invited.

(c) Does not arise at this stage as the service is yet to be introduced.

Import of Newsprint

3150. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow newspaper owners to import newsprint; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Government have decided, in principle, to decanalise the import of newsprint with effect from 1st April, 1992.

(b) The import of newsprint will be governed by Import–Export Policy that will come into force with effect from April 1, 1992.

[*Translation*]

Agra Airport as International Airport

3151. SHRI SWAMI SURESHANAND: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Agra Airport into an international airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing five international airports viz. Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras & Trivandrum, are sufficient to cater to current traffic needs.

[*English*]

Amount Allocated to Kerala for Generation of Electricity

3152. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Kerala for the generation of power in 1991;

(b) the electricity supplied to Kerala from the Central Pool in 1991; and

(c) the quantum of electricity proposed